GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIFFERENCES IN HEALTH INDICES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is massive inter-state differences in health indices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the comparative details in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to bring all States at a par with each other?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. State-wise analysis shows that there are wide differences between States in respect of health indices on account o f factors which include inter-alia health infrastructure, access to health facilities, socio economic status, level of literacy etc. Availability of health manpower also significantly varies across the States. A statement indicating comparative status o f health indicators is enclosed at annexure.

(d) : The Government has launched a National Rural Health Mission to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. It has as its key components provision of a female health activist in each village; a village health plan prepared through a local team headed by the Health and Sanitation Committee of the Panchayat; strengthening of the rural hospital for effective curative care and made measurable and accountable to the community through Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS); and integration of vertical Health and Family Welfare Programmes and Funds for optimal utilization of funds and infrastructure and strengthening delivery of primary health care.

ANNEXURE

States	CBR	TFR	CDR	IMR	MMR
India	25	0	8.1	63	407
Kerala	16.9	1.8	6.4	10	198
Maharashtra	20.3	2.3	7.3	45	135
Tamil Nadu	18.5	2.0	7.7	44	79
Orissa	23.2	2.6	9.8	87	367
Bihar	30.9	4.3	7.9	61	452
Rajasthan	30.6	3.9	7.7	78	670
Uttar Pradesh	31.6	4.4	9.7	80	707
Madhya Pradesh	30.4	3.8	9.8	85	498
Andhra Pradesh	20.7	2.2	8.1	62	159
Asam	26.6	3.0	9.2	70	409
Gujrat	24.7	2.8	7.7	60	28
Haryana	26.6	3.1	7.1	62	103
Himachal Pradesh	20.7	2.1	7.5	61	NA
Karnataka	22.1	2.4	7.2	55	195
Punjab	20.8	2.3	7.1	51	199
West Bengal	20.5	2.3	6.7	49	266

Source : SRS 2002 except MMR which is SRS 1998